

## Church News

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national organization of the Red Cross, together with other points appropriate to the hour were made by Drs. J. M. and J. W. McConnell, W. J. Martin, Z. K. Justice, C. L. Grey, Mayor James L. Sloan and Rev. Mr. Jenkins.

**Mooreville:** Rev. Bolling Hobson, of the Synod of Virginia, formerly pastor at Cornelius-Bethel, will begin the last of the week a series of services at Brawley's School House, just west of here. Mr. and Mrs. Hobson, with their son, J. K. Hobson, will motor this week from Virginia.

**Carthage:** The Christian Endeavor Society held a most interesting "Home-coming" service last week, which was conducted by the boys and girls who have returned home from college.

**Union:** Rev. J. C. Rowan, of Camden, S. C., recently conducted a week's meeting in this church, which resulted in seven additions upon profession of faith. Mr. Rowan preached the gospel with earnestness and power, and large congregations attended every service.

**Eureka:** The commencement sermon before the graduating class of the Sand Hills Farm Life School was preached by Rev. W. S. Golden, of Sanford, N. C., on the afternoon of Sunday, May 20, 1917.

**Newland:** We arrived here the night of May 9th and received a hearty welcome. Though our own things had not come, we found furniture set up in the manse, a bright fire and good supper, and an abundance of groceries, so that we could go to "living" at once. One could not find people of more cordial hospitality. The church work is starting nicely and encouragingly. C. B. B.

**Calvary:** We have just closed a most successful meeting. This is the only Presbyterian church in Hyde county. Rev. R. E. Henderlite is the devoted and beloved pastor and evangelist of the county. The services continued ten days and were well attended. There were eleven professions of faith and ten of these united with the Presbyterian church, adding some 25 per cent to the membership of the church. The heart of the pastor and his devoted wife were greatly rejoiced and encouraged. Brother Henderlite is doing a most acceptable work in this needy field, and is one of the most devoted and self-sacrificing of men. God has wonderfully blessed him in many ways, and in none more than in his wife, whom he purloined from our good Baptist brethren about a year ago. She is a veritably ray of sunshine and a true helpmeet to him. She was a good Baptist once, but is a good Presbyterian now. She has by her wholesome good humor and sanctified common sense greatly endeared herself to the people to whom they minister. This small church gave \$18 to Home Missions. We hope Brother Henderlite will remain in Hyde county until he plants Presbyterianism all over the county. A. J. Crane.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Clinton:** Dr. W. P. Jacobs, who was to have preached the commencement sermon for Clifford Seminary, received notice that owing to the illness of Mrs. Clifford, the president of the seminary, and widow of Rev. Dr. B. G. Clifford, deceased, the commencement occasion was withdrawn and the pupils had all been allowed to go home. The Nellie Scott Library of the Thornwell Orphanage has received several hundred volumes during the past session as gifts to the same from various friends. The library now numbers over ten thousand

and volumes, and is one of the best libraries for the use of boys and girls in the whole State. The pupils of the Thornwell Orphanage have a rare advantage in being permitted to have run of this library. Books of the highest type are needed for the most advanced pupils. Talmadge Brothers of Athens, Ga., who sent the institution twenty-five barrels of flour last month, have sent ten barrels during this month. Most of our people know pretty well what flour costs these days. The gift is a valuable one. However, the receipts for the month have reached only to one-half of the expenses, while on the other hand applications for admission have seemed "as thick as leaves in Vallambrosa." The entire graduating class of the Thornwell College for Orphans, which is the highest school of the three composing the educational department of the Thornwell Orphanage, recently passed the State examinations successfully for the degree of licentiate of instruction, and obtained certificates as first grade teachers. This speaks well for the teaching work of these schools, and shows that our institution is worth supporting.

### TENNESSEE.

**Southwestern University:** Eight young men go out from the Divinity School this year into the active work of the ministry. They all go back into the territory from which they came. Half of them go to Memphis Presbytery. Their addresses will be as follows: H. B. Wade, Bethel Springs, Tenn.; J. V. Currie, Atoka, Tenn.; W. E. Powell, Fruitland, Tenn.; R. E. Carroll, Memphis, Tenn., assistant to Dr. William Crowe; J. C. Rhodes, Jonesboro, Ga.; J. A. Warren, Goodwater, Ala.; R. M. McGehee, Magnolia, Miss.; A. H. McNair, Presbytery of Western Texas. Mr. Currie takes with him his bride, Miss Maude Rutherford, of Clarksville.

R. E. F.

**Spring Hill:** On May the 6th, at the morning service, Rev. S. P. Hawes was installed pastor by a commission of Columbia Presbytery. The other churches of the town united in this service. Rev. J. C. Molloy, D. D., presided and preached the sermon. The charges of the occasion were delivered by Rev. R. S. Brown and Elder Ed. Gordon. In the large audience present were the student body of the Branham and Hughes School, which is located at this place, and whose principal is an elder of the Spring Hill church. Two years ago the church building was enlarged by addition of Sabbath school rooms for use of student classes, and the Primary Department. Spring Hill is a beautiful town, located in that part of Tennessee which the poet "Trotwood" Moore has called "The Dimple of the Universe," and offers an attractive field from a number of points of view. The church is thoroughly united, and has given its new pastor a warm welcome.

### TEXAS.

**Central Texas Presbytery:** This is to remind the members that an adjourned meeting is to be held in Temple Wednesday, June 6th, at 8 P. M. This being an adjourned meeting, any business concerning the Presbytery can be transacted.

The printed minutes of the Presbytery will be issued soon after this meeting.

M. C. Hutton,  
Stated Clerk.

### WEST VIRGINIA.

Synod of West Virginia is planning great things in its Home Mission work. The superintendent of Home Missions and Sunday-school Work, Dr. Robert

M. Hall, until recently of Galveston, Texas, has been on the ground since April 14th. He has been very busy visiting Presbyteries, the State Sunday-school Convention at Parkersburg, and getting acquainted with conditions in the different Presbyteries. He has already visited almost every section of the State where our Church has gone. Synod's Executive Committee will meet in Charleston on the 25th, and definite plans for the summer and fall will be outlined. The opportunities lie all about us in this truly wonderful State, and the prospects for rapid development are very bright. What are we going to do with them?

**Welch:** The past year has been the most successful in the history of this church. There are many things for which we are thankful. On the first of September, the church assumed an additional obligation of four hundred dollars, and called the pastor for his full time. The total contributions to all causes amounted to about twenty-five hundred dollars, which is between eight hundred and one thousand dollars more than the amount raised last year. A men's Bible class has been organized and meets in the courthouse. The attendance has ranged from twenty to one hundred and sixty-six. The present average is between thirty and forty. They delighted the pastor, who is the teacher of the class, with a check for one hundred dollars as a Christmas gift. A new Sunday-school room, costing about seven hundred and fifty dollars, increases very greatly the efficiency of the splendid Sunday-school. Thirty members were received into the membership of the church during the year. The Ladies' Missionary Society and the Children's Missionary Society are both doing splendid work. The Ladies' Aid Society had one of the best bazaars and cleared more money during the year than in any other year of its history. Since the close of the church year the church and the inside of the manse have felt the brightening influence of the painter's brush. Abingdon Presbytery in its regular spring meeting met with this church. Encouraged we press on and hope for still greater blessings in the year that is before us.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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vey the impression that the agreement was not mandatory upon the lower courts but advisory.

As a matter of fact the findings of our joint committee in the specific case giving rise to their appointment have not been carried out. This failure on the part of the subordinate courts under the jurisdiction of your Assembly to carry out the findings of your executive commission is a matter of deep regret to us and we bring it to your attention in a spirit of frank Christian courtesy, asking that you give it the careful consideration that it deserves. We can but feel that the surest road to a more perfect comity lies through the proper adjustment of such cases and the removal of friction.

We recommend the following answer to the telegram from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., touching the matter of organic union between the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and the Presbyterian Church, U. S.:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., expresses its grateful appreciation of the sentiments voiced in the telegram and assures that body of its cordial good will and fraternal love. However, this General Assembly believing that the time is not opportune declines to appoint a committee on organic union for the following reasons:

1st. There is no general demand in our Church for such union, as is evidenced by the fact that of the eighty-seven Presbyteries, all of which had the matter brought to their attention,

only seven expressed themselves as desiring such union, three others being willing for the appointment of the committee for conference. Knowing the mind of our Church as we do and with the history of the Cumberland Union fresh in memory and the spectacle of the disunion and strife engendered thereby, we are persuaded that to press the matter of union at this time would result in sad confusion and disunion among us.

2nd. There are certain cases of friction which have arisen, to-wit: in New Orleans, La.; El Paso, Texas, and Springdale, Ark., which have not been adjusted by the lower courts subject to your jurisdiction according to the unanimous agreement entered into by the committees of the two Assemblies. This failure makes an approach to union more difficult.

3rd. We do not feel that we can enter into organic union because one of the Presbyteries, viz: the Presbytery of New York, subject to your jurisdiction, is reported to have persistently licensed and ordained men to the gospel ministry who have expressed their doubts of, and in some cases have declared their disbelief in, the virgin birth of our Saviour, the resurrection of Lazarus, the bodily resurrection of our Lord from the dead, the authenticity of the gospel of John, the vicarious atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many other things which are most surely believed among us.

In answer to the overtures from the various Presbyteries touching organic union, some asking for union, others simply for the appointment of a committee to consider union under certain specified limitations, and others opposing union, we recommend that no action be taken;

1st. Because there is no general demand for union in the Church. To press the question under such circumstances would inevitably result in schism.

2nd. Because of certain cases of friction which have not been adjusted according to agreement.

3rd. Because, of the persistent licensing and ordination by one of the constituent Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., of men who are manifestly unsound in the faith.

(Signed) W. H. Frazer, C. M. Richards, J. D. Hill, W. C. Wells, R. G. Vance, William Dinwiddie, V. L. Hall, A. M. Plant, R. W. Jopling, C. S. McDowell, Jr., J. C. Tims, R. D. Carson, J. G. Patton.

### Minority Report.

We, the undersigned members of the committee to which was referred the overtures from Meridian, Arkansas, Louisville, Upper Missouri, Savannah, Eastern Texas, Concord, Mecklenburg, Suwanee and Durant Presbyteries touching union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, respectfully dissent from the proposed action of the committee touching this matter. We are moved to present this minority report. First, because of the evident desire of many in our Church for the consideration of such union.

Second, because we believe the frank discussion of and conference upon this question, by a representative committee from our Assembly with a similar committee or commission of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, cannot fail to accomplish most beneficial results.

Third, because not to appoint such a committee of conference loads our Assembly with the burden of failure properly to meet a courteous and sincere approach from the Assembly now in session at Dallas.

We, therefore, recommend that this Assembly appoint a representative committee of conference to meet with a similar committee or commission from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, said committee to safeguard the historical doctrinal position of our Church and thus to ascertain the possible grounds upon which union may be effected, said committee to report their work to the next General Assembly of our Church.

(Signed) A. A. Wallace, T. M. Hawes, A. N. Leecraft.

Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, president of Columbia Seminary, offered the following substitute for the latter part of the majority report, starting with the sixth paragraph, which begins: "We recommend the following

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